

LOCAL NEWS EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK AS DEPICTED BY PARSONS



FROM THE CITIES.

Farmers in Kansas Furnish Few Boys for State School.

One-Third of the Pupils There Are Negroes.

TAUGHT TO DO THINGS

Special Effort Being Made to Introduce Manual Training.

Superintendent Charles Having Success With Reform.

Dr. Herbert L. Alkire is holding a series of clinics at the Boys' Industrial school north of Topeka. He is working in co-operation with H. W. Charles, superintendent of the institution, to make a systematic record of the deficiencies in the eyes, ears, noses and throats of the pupils. Such physical lackings often accompany mental and moral shortcomings, according to Mr. Charles' theory. It is his plan to remedy the latter partly by effecting a cure of the former, after the boys who are so afflicted have been located.

Accordingly, the doctor and a class of students will examine the boys every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon until every one has come under their observation. From six to ten are examined on those days in a room fitted up for the purpose in the gymnasium building.

Altogether there are about 220 boys in the school. As there are 25,000 boys of school age in Kansas this means that there are less than one in one thousand in this institution. In other states the percentage is much larger. In the school here the majority of the inmates are from the larger cities. One-third of them are negroes.

However, no distinction is made in the treatment of the members of either race. After a boy enters the school, unless it is absolutely necessary, no reference is ever made to cause for which he was sent. Mr. Charles and his assistants convey at all times the idea that the youths are there mainly to learn good citizenship and how to make a living honestly when they leave.

Boys Learn the Trades.
With this idea in mind Mr. Charles has built up a manual training and industrial department, which includes courses in joinery, carpentering, tailoring, printing, gardening and dairying, besides instruction in baking and the shoemakers' trade.

This is turned into practical and economical use. While learning the trades mentioned, the boys do considerable of the carpenter work necessary about the institution, make their own shoes and uniforms, do a great deal of the baking, dairying and farming, and also print many of the blanks used in the school's correspondence. A monthly magazine, "The Boys' Chronicle," is also issued by the printing plant. This department, of course, employs those who have had the best education before entering the school. However, a system of instruction which comprises work from the primary to the eighth grade, has been established, for the most part since Mr. Charles has been in charge of the institution. The studies are arranged very similar to those of the regular graded schools under the charge of interested and efficient teachers.

And the body as well as the mind is looked after. A room in one of the buildings is equipped as a gymnasium.

Enjoy the Gymnasium.
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"BILLIKEN KISS."

New Luck Producer Makes Its Appearance in Topeka.

Claimed to Have Originated at Washburn College.

LUCK FOR TWO WEEKS

This Is Promise Made by the Goddesses.

Billiken Smack Takes Place of All Others.

The little clay Billiken god has seen the sun set—no longer will the shadows of a million worshippers encircle his grinning form and look up into his broad chubby face. His day has ended and with the lengthening shadows comes the peeping dawn of a new luck—another has come to take his place—and his name.

The Billiken Kiss! This is the secret of it all. Where the Billiken Kiss originated—no one knows. Who gave the first kiss—still unknown; but he revealed the first kiss and gave to it its charm and popularity—alas! Nothing!

But anyway, the Billiken Kiss is all the rage out at Washburn college. The men students at this institution of learning are afflicted—and the disease is spreading. It is an epidemic that has baffled the faculty—in fact some of the younger members of the faculty have caught the disease in their efforts to stamp it out.

The Merry Widow kiss is tame, the Soul kiss is formal and the good old fashioned moonlight kiss has lost its dream. But that isn't all—when a young man once kisses his lady love with the new popular Billiken Kiss he is destined to have the best luck that can be thrown in his path for two long weeks. And the girl—she is his god forever after and the touch of her lips moulds the career of her noble knight.

Epidemic Is Spreading.
Washburn is not the only college in the path of this epidemic. It has spread all over the country. But it is claimed by the local college that the kiss started right here in Topeka. As if by magic it soared into the air and disappeared. Since it has dropped here and there and its influence has taken the college students by storm—it seems that their constitutions are especially adapted to its ravages.

When asked to describe the Billiken Kiss, one of the lucky Washburn college rah-rahs at first refused flatly. He claimed that he knew nothing of it—had never heard of it. But when the reporter revealed his "tip" the college youth whispered:

"I don't know why it brings luck, but it does. I had my first kiss Thursday and I have been so lucky that I have eight of them since. I can't explain how it first makes its appearance—but it breaks out on the face—yes, on the lips, I believe."

"Yes, I know all that, but how do you do it—how do you deliver the goods?" gasped the reporter eagerly.

"I don't remember all the accessories and the extra frills," answered the excited youth, "but you just place your hands on each side of the girl's cheek, press them together until her lips are puckered in a little valley between two soft red hills—your lips slide easily down those hills into the valley—and then you rest there—the longer the better. The next day your good luck begins and it will last for two short weeks—then you must repeat the performance—on and on forever."

Has Come to Stay.
The users say that the Kiss when once tried is always used. The little snatch kiss—the kind that are stolen—have been referred to magazine

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GIVE \$25,000,000

Will of John Stewart Kennedy, Recently Deceased.

Bequeaths Princely Fortune to Charity and Education.

HAD \$30,000,000 LEFT

To Distribute Among Relatives, Friends and Servants.

Presbyterian Church One of the Heaviest Beneficiaries.

New York, Nov. 6.—John Stewart Kennedy, octogenarian, and one of America's little known rich men, who died of

whopping cough in his New York residence on Sunday last, left bequests of more than \$25,000,000 to religious, charitable and educational institutions in his will, which has been filed for probate here. The gift is the largest single contribution of its kind ever made and the beneficiaries include educational and church institutions north, south, east and west in this country, and one abroad—40 in all.

Nearly half of the \$25,000,000 goes to institutions connected with the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Kennedy has been an active member for many years. Other large beneficiaries include the American Bible society, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the New York public library, the United Charities of New York, Columbia university and Robert college, Constantinople.

Aside from these gifts Kennedy left approximately \$30,000,000 to his wife, his relatives and a great number of friends and employees. The widow's share will be about \$16,000,000. All of the testator's employees received gifts of from \$500 to \$2,000 each.

The charitable religious and educational institutions which receive the largest bequests are to share the residue of the estate left after definite gifts of approximately \$12,000,000 have been paid out. Their shares are estimated by counsel for the executors as follows:

The Principal Beneficiaries.
Presbyterian board of foreign missions \$2,500,000.
Presbyterian board of home missions \$2,500,000.
Presbyterian church extension funds \$2,500,000.
Presbyterian hospital, New York \$2,500,000.
Robert college, Constantinople, \$1,500,000.
Presbyterian board of aid for colleges \$750,000.
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, \$2,500,000.
New York public library \$2,500,000.
Columbia university \$2,500,000.
United Charities, New York, \$1,500,000.
American Bible society \$750,000.
Charity organization society, New York, \$750,000.

Smaller Gifts.
The smaller gifts made by the specific bequest are as follows:
Yale college \$100,000.
Amherst college \$100,000.

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HAT RATES TOO HIGH

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